

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A zoom lens system includes a positive first lens group, a negative second lens group, a positive third lens group, and a negative fourth lens group.

5 Zooming is performed by moving each of the positive first through the negative fourth lens groups along the optical axis.

The zoom lens system satisfies the following condition:

10 $0.35 < (f_{23T}/f_{23W}) / (f_T / f_W) < 0.55 \quad \dots (1)$

wherein

f_{23T} designates the combined focal length of the negative second lens and the positive third lens groups at the long focal length extremity;

15 f_{23W} designates the combined focal length of the negative second lens and the positive third lens groups at the short focal length extremity;

f_T designates the focal length of the entire the zoom lens system at the long focal length extremity; and

20 f_W designates the focal length of the entire the zoom lens system at the short focal length extremity.